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1. GOI HAS JUST HOSTED OFFICIAL VISITS FROM SAUDI FONMIN AS-SAKKAF (JUNE 25-27) AND LEBANESE FONMIN NAFFAH (JUNE 26-28), BOTH ENROUTE HOME FROM KUALA LUMPUR ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. BOTH VISITS FEATURED COURTESY CALLS ON PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI FONMIN MALIK. FOLLOWING BASED ON PRESS REPORTS.

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2. SAUDI FONMIN REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESIDENT SUHARTO THAT

SAUDI GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO GIVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO INDONESIA AS WELL AS TO INVEST IN INDONESIA, PARTICULARLY IN THE OIL FIELD. MALIK TOLD REPORTERS THAT AS-SAKKAF HAD ASKED HIM TO SEND A LIST OF AREAS IN WHICH SAUDI ARABIA MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP INDONESIA.

3. FOLLOWING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AS-SAKKAF, MALIK TOLD PRESS THAT NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION EXISTED BETWEEN GOI AND SAUDI GOVERNMENT ON INTERNATIONAL MATTERS. AT SAME MEETING WITH PRESS HE STATED GOI HAS NO PROBLEM HAVING RELATIONS WITH PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (SEE REFTEL).

4. LEBANESE FONMIN TOLD PRESS HE DISCUSSED WITH MALIK POSSIBILITIES OF AN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEBANON AND INDONESIA, BUT REPLIED TO QUESTION CONCERNING POSSIBLE LEBANESE AID BY NOTING THAT LEBANON IS NOT AN OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRY. NAFFAH SAID HE HAD URGED GOI TO SUPPORT LEBANESE PROPOSAL FOR UN ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL IF LATTER DOES NOT CEASE ITS ATTACKS ON LEBANON, AND MALIK TOLD PRESS INDONESIA SUPPORTS PROPOSED LEBANESE ECONOMIC BOYCOTT "ONE THOUSAND PER CENT." NAFFAH ALSO MENTIONED LEBANESE INTENTION TO OPEN AN EMBASSY IN ONE ASEAN COUNTRY (WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHICH), PROPOSAL WHICH MALIK WELCOMED AS INDICATION OF LEBANESE RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE OF ASEA SYSTEM.

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5. MAJ GEN ALI MURTOPO, CONFIDANT OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO, TOLD AMBASSADOR JUNE 29 THAT HE (ALI) HAD MET WITH AS-SAKKAF FOR TWO HOURS AND NAFFAH FOR ONE-HALF HOUR DURING THEIR VISITS HERE. ACCORDING TO ALI, AS-SAKKAF WAS VERY RELAXED AND OPTIMISTIC ABOUT MIDEAST SITUATION IN WAKE OF GOLAN HEIGHTS TROOP WITHDRAWAL, WHILE NAFFAH WAS LESS SANGUINE IN HIS APPRAISAL.

6. COMMENT: INDONESIA HAS LITTLE IN WAY OF SIGNIFI-  
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CANT BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH EITHER SAUDI ARABIA OR LEBANON EXCEPT FOR MUTUAL ASSOCIATION IN ISLAMCI AND THIRD WORLD FORUMS. VISITS THUS LARGELY EXERCISES IN POST-KUALA LUMPUR HAND-SHAKING. SAUDI AID OR INVESTMENT COULD POTENTIALLY BE VERY HELPFUL TO INDONESIA, BUT FURTHER DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE IT BECOMES CLEAR WHETHER REPORTED SAUDI AID OFFER IS SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC PROSPECT OR MERELY FRATERNAL GESTURE.

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